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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON HELENE MISOFFE,
STATE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

1. BORN IN 1927 IN PARIS, MISOFFE HAD NO PROFESSIONAL OR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO 1974. AS MOTHER OF EIGHT CHILDREN, SHE DEVOTED HERSELF TO FAMILY AFFAIRS UNTIL MARCH 1973 WHEN SHE BECAME SUPPLEANT DEPUTY TO HER HUSBAND, FORMER MINISTER FRANCOIS MISOFFE. WHEN HE RELINQUISHED HIS SEAT IN JULY 1974 TO REMAIN IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, HELENE MISOFFE TOOK HIS PLACE AS UDR (GAULLIST) DEPUTY IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING THE 17TH ARRONDISSEMENT OF PARIS.

2. IN THE ASSEMBLY, MISOFFE QUICKLY BECAME A SPECIALIST IN SOCIAL PROBLEMS. IN DECEMBER 1974 SHE WAS NAMED UDR NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS; IN JULY 1975, UDR NATIONAL DELEGATE FOR SOCIAL AND FAMILY AFFAIRS; AND FINALLY IN APRIL 1976 UDR ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL IN CHARGE OF PRESS RELATIONS. MISOFFE IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE RPR POLITICAL COUNCIL AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE
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FRENCH DELEGATION TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN FALL 1976. SHE IS NOTED FOR HER INTEREST IN WOMEN'S RIGHTS QUESTIONS, SUCH AS ABORTION AND DIVORCE, AND FOR HER EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR THE WELFARE OF THE FAMILY AND FOR REFORM OF SOCIAL SECURITY FINANCING.
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